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- 1. JUNTA PRESS SECRETARY FEDERICO WILLOUGHBY, PROFESSING IGNORANCE OF BARRING OF TIME CORRESPONDENT RAUCH, ADDED IN CONVERSATION WITH PAO "I DON'T KNOW A THING ABOUT IT BUT I LIKE THE IDEA." WHEN REMINDED OF PUBLIC RELATIONS PROBLEM THIS COULD CAUSE WILLOUGHBY SAID "STORY HE LAST WROTE ON CHILE IN 'TIME' COMPLETELY UNREASONABLE, SO IF YOUR REPORT IS TRUE I WOULDN'T HAVE CHANGED THE DECISION. 'TIME' WOULD HAVE A BETTER CHANCE TO GET INTO CHILE IF THEY SENT ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT." WHEN PAO POINTED OUT THAT AMBASSADOR MIGHT MENTION MATTER TO FORNMIN, WILLOUGHBY REPLIED "THAT'S THE BEST CHANNEL I DON'T LIKE GETTING INVOLVED IN POLICE MATTERS."
- 2. COMMENT: IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES AT SANTIAGO'S PUDAHUEL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, LIKE THEIR COLLEAGUES ELSEWHERE, HAVE LIST OF UNDESIRABLE ALIENS AUTOMATICALLY BARRED FROM COUNTRY. WHEN "LEMONDE" CORRESPONDENT NIEDERGANG WAS REFUSED ENTRY SEVERAL MONTHS AGO WILLOUGHBY TOLD PAO THIS HAD BEEN "BAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MISTAKE." IT SEEMS HARD BELIEVE THAT HE WOULD NOT KNOW OF

DECISION INVOLVING BARRING OF ANY FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT, BUT WE HAVE LEARNED FROM OTHER EXPERIENCES THAT COORDINATION AND CONTROL ARE LESS THAN PERFECT HERE. POPPER

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